



## **IEN Program Resource Advisory Council (IPRAC)**

### **April 10, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

*(Approved August 14, 2012)*

The April 10, 2012 meeting of the IEN Program Resource Advisory Council was held in the Barbara Morgan Room of the LBJ Building, 650 West State Street, Boise, Idaho.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Members/Alternate(s) Present:**

Teresa Luna (Vice Chair), Director, Dept. of Administration  
John Miller, Dean of Off Campus Instruction, College of Southern Idaho  
Jerry Reininger, Director of Information Systems, Meridian School District  
Rep. Darrell Bolz, Joint Finance & Appropriations Committee  
Jay Larsen, Executive Director, Idaho Technology Council  
Sen. John Goedde, Chairman of Senate Education Committee  
Cheryl Charlton, CEO, Idaho Digital Learning Academy  
Sen. Bert Brackett, Joint Finance & Appropriations Committee (phone)  
Rep. Wendy Jaquet, Joint Finance & Appropriations Committee (phone)

##### **Absent Members**

Tom Luna (Chair), Supt. of Public Instruction  
Shelly Sayer, Premier Technology Inc.  
Rep. Bob Nonini, Chairman of House of Rep. Education Committee  
Sen. Shawn Keough, Joint Finance & Appropriations Committee

##### **Others Present:**

Julie Best, IEN	Garry Lough, ENA
Martin Bilbao, ENA	Keith Murphy, CenturyLink
Sally Brevick, Office of the CIO	Jerry Piper, Idaho Telecom Alliance
Mike Costa, IEN	Debra Stephenson-Padilla, IEN
Robin Finch, Dept. of Administration	Joel Strickler, CenturyLink
Cliff Green, IEN	Greg Zickau, Office of the CIO
Brady Kraft, IEN	

#### **CHANGES TO IEN STAFF**

Director Luna reported that Garry Lough had left the Department of Administration and was now working for Education Networks of America (ENA). The position of IEN Communications Director will be filled in due course.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION: Rep. Jaquet moved and Sen. Goedde seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2011 meeting as presented; the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Dr Reininger reported on the February and April meetings, which had included a discussion about the standardization of VTC units. This is a significant issue in terms of quality, reliability, inter-operability, and support from ENA, and the committee will consider further how this should be addressed. CenturyLink had reported to the committee that equipment would be installed in Blackfoot, Rexburg, and Burley that would enable Metro-E capability.

## **STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE**

Cliff Green provided the council with an overview of the progress made since October 2011 in developing the IEN Comprehensive Strategic plan. The next step is to create separate operational plans.

## **CONNECTIVITY REPORT**

Brady Kraft reported that there are 117 connections (203 schools/85,766 students) to the IEN. The report reflects new schools; bandwidth increases, and Metro Optical Ethernet (MOE) implementation. In the past year, 15 high schools have been added that were not part of an existing district WAN (Wide Area Network), these sites have been added to the E-Rate consortium and will be completed before the start of the new school year. Four of the nine higher education institutions mentioned have data-only connections provided by the IEN (eligible for E-Rate), the others have connections to IRON which, in turn, is connected to the IEN.

Sen. Goedde queried the lack of a direct link between north and south Idaho and whether this increased the cost of connectivity. Mr Kraft explained that building a new connection through Riggins was highly unlikely to cost less than using the existing CenturyLink infrastructure in Washington.

## **BUDGET UPDATE**

Mr Kraft noted that the budget handout included current obligations in addition to actual expenditures. In response to various questions, the following was noted:

- The J.A Kathryn and Albertson Foundation obligation of \$3M ends with FY12 (there will be carryover of unused funds).
- ENA and CenturyLink contracts are paid through the operational funds. The personnel funds are largely for IEN staff, however they also include the contract with Dr Green and a few professional services agreements. These will be detailed at the end of the fiscal year.
- Private schools are able to join the IEN.
- The budget savings are due largely to the increased deployment of MOE.
- Receive sites also have the capability of originating content, they only lack a second camera.
- Deploying equipment to the middle and elementary schools probably requires legislative action.

## **FUTURE PLANNING**

Greg Zickau provided an overview of the technology goals for the coming years, as well as the progression of cost distribution for connectivity from the start of the IEN to the present time. This highlights the areas of significant cost that need to be addressed.

## **COMMUNICATIONS REPORT**

Julie Best provided council members with copies of the Course Catalog and the "Welcome Packet", the latter being sent to schools joining the IEN in the spring to assist them in leveraging the IEN as quickly as possible. The communications handout included student and credit numbers, despite the conservatively estimated second term numbers there is still a 60% increase in participation. Schools are finding ways in which to overcome conflicting bell schedules and school calendars, Renovo will become an additional resource in this way.

## **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING**

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2012 at 1:30pm in the Barbara Morgan Room of the LBJ Building, 650 West State Street.

Respectfully submitted,



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Office of the CIO